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SUBJECT:: MOPS, PREL, PHUM, MARR, RW, UN

SUBJECT: ENCOURAGE THE FRENCH TO DONATE EQUIPMENT TO
UNAMIR UPON TERMINATION OF OPERATION TURQUOISE

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SUMMARY

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2. WITH THE GOF EXPRESSING ITS DESIRE TO BRING OPERATION TURQUOISE IN RWANDA TO AN END AROUND 31 JULY 1994, THE PRESSURE IS ON THE UN AND DONOR COUNTRIES TO EQUIP AND DEPLOY UNAMIR AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER POTENTIAL EQUIPMENT DONORS HAVE BEEN SLOW TO RESPOND. THE U.S. IS IN THE PROCESS OF PROVIDING FOR GHANAIAAN MISSION-ESSENTIA NEEDS THROUGH THE UN, AND HAS ENCOURAGED OTHER POTENTIAL EQUIPMENT-DONOR COUNTRIES TO GET INVOLVED. THE FRENCH HAVE PREVIOUSLY INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE THE EQUIPMENT NEEDS OF THE SENEGALESE CONTINGENT TO THE EXPANDED UNAMIR. WE REQUEST POST TO ENCOURAGE THE GOF.

UPON THE TERMINATION OF OPERATION TURQUOISE, TO LEAVE BEHIND WHATEVER IS DEEMED MISSION ESSENTIAL FOR USE BY THE SENEGALESE, OR BY ANOTHER NATIONAL CONTINGENT IF THE SENEGALESE DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN ASSUMING A ROLE IN AN EXPANDED UNAMIR.

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BACKGROUND

3. IN RESOLUTIONS 918 AND 925 OF MAY 17 AND JUNE 8, RESPECTIVELY, THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVED EXPANSION OF UNAMIR FROM 450 TO 5,500 TROOPS. IT IS CRUCIAL THAT THE DEPLOYMENT OF THIS EXPANDED MISSION MOVE FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

4. THE FRENCH-LED HUMANITARIAN OPERATION, APPROVED ON JUNE 22 IN UNSC RESOLUTION 929, IS ONLY A TEMPORARY MEASURE TO FILL THE INTERIM UNTIL UNAMIR CAN BE ORGANIZED AND DEPLOYED. WITH THE FRENCH MISSION EXPECTED TO END WITHIN A FEW WEEKS, IT IS VITAL THAT RESOURCES FOR UNAMIR BE IDENTIFIED RAPIDLY.

5. THE PLANNED DEPARTURE OF THE FRENCH HOWEVER, IS CONTINGENT ON THE FIELDING ON A CREDIBLE UNAMIR FORCE. FRANCE CAN ASSIST IN THIS EFFORT BY LEAVING BEHIND EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY UNAMIR.

ACTION REQUEST

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6. POST SHOULD APPROACH THE GOF AND ENCOURAGE THEM UFON TERMINATION OF OPERATION TURQUOISE TO LEAVE THEIR EQUIPMENT BEHIND FOR USE BY THE SENEGALESE, OR BY ANOTHER CONTINGENT WHICH PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXPANDED UNAMIR. FRANCE SHOULD ARRANGE TERMS FOR EQUIPMENT TURNOVER WITH THE UN. SUCH AN APPROACH WILL ASSIST IN

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ENSURING UNAMIR'S TIMELY TAKEOVER FROM OPERATION TURQUOISEE

7. POST MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS:

-- THE USG APPLAUDS THE GOF FOR ITS INITIATIVE AND DECISIVENESS IN DEPLOYING A HUMANITARIAN MISSION TO RWANDA. THE USG CONTINUES TO PROVIDE STRONG DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT TO OPERATION TURQUOISE, AND STANDS READY TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR MATERIAL SUPPORT.

-- AS THE CRISIS IN RWANDA MOVES INTO ITS FOURTH MONTH, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE WORLD COMMUNITY PROVIDE TROOP AND EQUIPMENT SUPPORT TO THE EXPANDED UNAMIR SO THAT IT CAN DEFLOY IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME. THE USG SHARES THE GOF'S DESIRE TO SEE UNAMIR ASSUME FRANCE'S ROLE IN RWANDA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

-- HOWEVER, THE USG FEARS THAT UNAMIR WILL NOT BE READY FOR SOME TIME UNLESS THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT CAN BE ATTAINED QUICKLY.

-- THE USG IS AGGRESSIVELY SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO MAKE THE GHANAIAAN UNAMIR CONTINGENT FULLY DEPLOYABLE. WE HAVE ALREADY AIRLIFTED TO KAMFALA 50 APC'S FOR THEIR USE, AND ARE WORKING WITH THE UN TO PROVIDE OTHER MISSION ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT TO THE GHANAIAANS.

-- WE SUPPORT THE FRENCH VIEW, AS EXPRESSED BY PRIME MINISTER BALLADUR IN THE UNSC ON JULY 10, WHICH SEEKS AN INCREASE IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR RWANDA AND TO HELP

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EXPEDITE THE DEPLOYMENT OF AN EXPANDED UNAMIR.

-- WHILE FRANCE HAS ALREADY GIVEN MUCH YOU ARE IN AN EXCELLENT POSITION TO SECURE YOUR OWN GOAL OF A TIMELY TRANSITION FROM OPERATION TURQUOISE TO AN EXPANDED UNAMIR. YOUR EQUIPMENT COULD BE USED BY THE SENEGALESE OR ANOTHER AFRICAN UNAMIR CONTINGENT UPON THE TERMINATION OF OPERATION TURQUOISE.

-- FRANCE AGAIN CAN TAKE THE LEAD AS YOU DID WITH OPERATION TURQUOISE, AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTACT THE UN TO ARRANGE TERMS FOR YOUR EQUIPMENT TRANSFER. CHRISTOPHER

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